

America's Leading Tennis Players, Men and Women, Receive Official Ranking for the Competitive Season of 1920

JOHNSTON SECOND, JOHNSTON SECOND ON RATING LIST

Three Californians in the Select Circle of First Ten.

MRS. F. I. MALLORY AT TOP

Several Surprises Mark Choice of Players by U. S. L. T. A. Committee.

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After a careful consideration of the records of more than 6,000 players the committee of the United States Lawn Tennis Association has issued its annual tennis ranking. One hundred and sixty-one names have been listed in men's singles, fifty in women's singles and forty-five in men's doubles. It has been no small task for the half dozen men who constitute the national ranking committee, for tournaments and competitors never before have been as numerous as during the season of 1920. With the marked increase in activity has come a rise in the general standard of tournament play, so that competitors in order to win as high a ranking as the previous year really had to excel their 1919 performances. In many cases, too, players who showed decided improvement find themselves farther down the ranking list.

As usual interest centres in the order of the first ten in national ranking. Getting into the select circle of the first ten has been the ambition of rising players, and devotees of the sport always have followed the shifts in the order of the topnotchers as keenly as the players themselves. A glance at the new rankings shows that there have been quite a few changes in the order of the leaders, yet there is not one in the first ten who has not been there before in one year or another. In several cases men who have not been in the select circle have come back to renew acquaintance with the rest of the tennis elite.

Of course, William T. Tilden 2d, of Philadelphia, national champion, Davis Cup star, recognized world's champion and the first American to win a British tennis title, heads the list. The ranking, as most readers probably know, for the last two years has been arrived at mathematically, tournaments being rated according to their importance and performance according to scores and rating of opponents. The mathematical rule may have been applied in Tilden's case as in the rest, but if such was the procedure the committee wasted a lot of time, for there was no other player who possibly could have been considered for the leadership. So far as 1920 was concerned Tilden stood in a tennis class by himself.

No Mathematics Needed.

Neither did the committee have to ponder very long or delve into all the records to arrive at the conclusion that second place in the ranking belonged to William M. Johnston of California, who bowed to Tilden last September after one of the greatest matches ever played in a national championship final. Just as clearly as Tilden earned first place in the ranking so did Johnston leave no room for doubt that second place was his. There may be some who will disagree, but they will be comparatively few. Williams was very slow to reach his best form last season, but he came with a rush in the last few weeks of the tennis campaign and played brilliantly. In the national championships he was close to the form that earned him the American title on two occasions. After a series of impressive victories Williams was stopped in the national tournament because he happened to face William M. Johnston when the latter was travelling at his best.

No doubt the ranking committee can show the necessary data to prove that under the mathematical system their selection of the next seven in the order named is correct, but there is little doubt that many a tennis player and tennis "fan" who figure ranking not mathematically but just by the ordinary common sense method of sizing up a player's worth, would agree with the committee's choice.

The ranking committee has met with universal approval, and whether merited or not, there always has been plenty of criticism of the committee's selections.

A year ago, when the mathematical rankings were announced for the first time, there was no end of dissatisfaction over some of the choices. At the time, it was pointed out that the committee had talked of case was that of Vincent Richards, who had been named thirty-second despite the fact that he had won the national indoor championship. Few tennis followers realized at the time that indoor tournaments do not figure in the ranking.

Garland's Case.

The choice that perhaps will occasion most comment this time is that of Charles S. Garland for eighth place in the ranking. "Chuck" when at Newport undoubtedly is one of the first players in the country and deserving of a ranking in the first ten, but 1920 was not his year on the courts. Early in the season Garland played his most impressive tennis, defeating Richard Harte and Wallace F. Johnson in tryouts for fourth place on the David Cup team that went to England for the international championships. In the national championship singles Garland also played well, but, as we understand it, neither the David Cup tryout matches nor the British championship results were any factor in the American national ranking, in which only regular sanctioned tournaments in this country are considered. Eliminating the tryout matches and his performance in England, Garland had very little to show for the season. He failed to get very far in the Newport tournament, in which he was not himself, and while he scored a few convincing victories in the national championship, his work in the title tournament did not warrant his selection as eighth on the ranking place. The explanation perhaps lies in the announcement by the ranking committee that "when in its judgment such action was warranted the mathematical system was used simply as a guide to determine the players' relative position."

Some surprise will be occasioned also by the appearance of Ichu Kumagae's name fourth on the list. The Japanese star was rated third a year ago, and deserved that place in the national championship, but participated in none of the prominent tournaments in the East, leaving early in July for the Olympic tennis championship in Belgium. Before going abroad Kumagae had won several

Players Whose Scintillating Work Was Main Feature of Lawn Tennis Tournaments Held During the Year Just Ended



W. T. TILDEN, 2ND



R. NORRIS WILLIAMS



WALLACE F. JOHNSON



MRS. FRANKLIN I. MALLORY



MISS EDITH SIGOURNEY



MISS MARION ZINDERSTEIN



MISS ELEANOR GOSS



WM. M. JOHNSTON



N. W. NILES



WATSON M. WASHBURN



MISS HELENE POLLAK



MISS MARGARET GROVE



MISS MARIE WAGNER



WILLIS E. DAVIS



CLARENCE J. GRIFFIN



CHARLES S. GARLAND



EDWARD RAYMOND



MISS HELENE POLLAK



MISS MARGARET GROVE



MISS MARIE WAGNER



WILLIS E. DAVIS

First Ten in National Lawn Tennis Ranking

- MEN.**
- 1-W. T. Tilden 2d, Philadelphia.
 - 2-W. M. Johnston, San Francisco.
 - 3-I. Kumagae, New York.
 - 4-N. W. Niles, San Francisco.
 - 5-W. E. Davis, New York.
 - 6-W. M. Washburn, New York.
 - 7-W. E. Davis, New York.
 - 8-W. M. Johnston, San Francisco.
 - 9-W. E. Davis, New York.
 - 10-W. M. Johnston, San Francisco.
- WOMEN.**
- 1-Mrs. F. I. Mallory, New York.
 - 2-Miss Edith Sigourney, New York.
 - 3-Miss Marion Zinderstein, New York.
 - 4-Miss Helen Baker, San Francisco.
 - 5-Miss Eleanor Goss, New York.
 - 6-Miss Helene Pollak, New York.
 - 7-Miss Margaret Grove, New York.
 - 8-Miss Marie Wagner, New York.
 - 9-Miss Edith Sigourney, New York.
 - 10-Miss Marion Zinderstein, New York.
- WOMEN'S SINGLES.**
- 1-Mrs. F. I. Mallory, New York.
 - 2-Miss Edith Sigourney, New York.
 - 3-Miss Marion Zinderstein, New York.
 - 4-Miss Helen Baker, San Francisco.
 - 5-Miss Eleanor Goss, New York.
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WITH THE CHESS PLAYERS.

With a score of 5½ in 6 games played Morris A. Schapiro, Columbia University chess champion, holds the lead in the annual championship tournament of the Manhattan Chess Club. David Janowski, the French champion, follows closely behind with 4½-½. Naturally the members of the club are looking forward with keen interest to the meeting between the leaders. Schapiro's fifth victim was L. W. Palmer, in the sixth round, yesterday. His drawn game was with Dr. A. Freundlich, who defeated G. J. Behoff in a brilliant ending by the sacrifice of his queen. Dr. Freundlich, 3-1, is the only contestant, aside from the leaders, who has not lost a game outright. He also drew with Dr. Sokal. Alfred Schroeder, 3½-1½, is in third place. The standing follows:

Schapiro	5½	Dr. Sokal	3½
Janowski	4½	Alfred Schroeder	3½
Schroeder	3½	Dr. Freundlich	3
Dr. Freundlich	3	Dr. Sokal	2½
Hallgarten	2½	Dr. Sokal	2½
Northrup	2	Dr. Sokal	2
Black	2	Dr. Sokal	2

It is reported from Havana that an offer to deposit the sum of \$300 in Amsterdam to the credit of Dr. E. Lasaker as an advance of his share of the purse for the championship match with Jose R. Capablanca has been made to Dr. Lasaker in Berlin. This is a final effort to induce the famous player to cross the ocean and meet Capablanca at Havana, as had been planned. At last accounts no reply had been received.

The New Jersey State Chess Association announces its annual meeting for Washington's Birthday at the rooms of the Newark Chess Club, 184 William street, Newark, N. J. The programme will include the contest for the State championship and the various chess tournaments.

The members of the Staten Island Chess Club mourn the loss, through death, of their late president, Gustav A. Barth, who was one of the organizers of the club, thirty years ago. The club has elected Dr. E. Lasaker as its new president. Dr. Barth was born in 1854 at Stapleton, the home of the Staten Island Chess Club.

CUE MATCH AT N. Y. A. C.

An interesting meeting of two champions will occur at the New York Athletic Club to-morrow night. The match will be between Ralph Greenleaf and J. Howard Shoemaker, who together in a 300 point contest of pocket billiards, Shoemaker, personal holder of the national amateur title, and Greenleaf, who has won a two time national professional champion, are both of the brilliant rather than the careful style of performers, which should result in a spectacular display.

Dividing attention with this novelty will be exhibitions by Edouard Foremans, the spectacular Belgian ballkline expert, who crushed Joseph Mayer of Philadelphia in the final round of the Foremans, who on Thursday, Friday and Saturday will play his second American match in Boston, with George Sloman as his opponent, is to play at Math Hahner's Academy, 100 Broadway, to-morrow afternoon against F. J. L. Derks, the Hollander who came over with him. In the evening, he will compete against a trio of leading amateur ballklineers at Kline's Strand Academy.

BRITISH FOOTBALL RESULTS.

Scottish League—Aberdeen 0, Dundee 0. Dundee 0, Ayr United 1. Ayr United 1, Hamilton 1. Hamilton 1, Raith Rovers 1. Raith Rovers 1, Hibernian 1. Hibernian 1, Hearts 0. Hearts 0, St. Mirren 0. St. Mirren 0, Celtic 0. Celtic 0, Rangers 0. Rangers 0, Celtic 0.

LONGEST OF BASKETBALL TRIPS.

OMAHA, Jan. 1.—One of the longest college basketball trips of the year will be made next month when Colgate journey from Hamilton, N. Y., to Nebraska for four games. The team will leave for Lincoln, Neb., on Jan. 15, and will play at the University of Nebraska on Jan. 16, at the University of Kansas on Jan. 17, at the University of Oklahoma on Jan. 18, and at the University of Texas on Jan. 19. No other games will be played by the Colgate aggregation on its Western trip, according to present plans.